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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)
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Examiner
José A. Fortuna

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on Jan 22, 2001
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 46-97 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 46-97 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved.
- 12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- a) All b) Some* c) None of:
- Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- *See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

- 15) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 18) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 16) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 19) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 17) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 6 20) Other:

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 46-97 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Grossmann et al., US Patent No. 5,635,033. or Latinen et al., US Patent No. 4,961,824, or Turner et al., US Patent No. 4,830,709 or Steckenreuter et al., US Patent No. 5,788,816, or Blackledge et al., US Patent No. 5,468,348.

All of the above patents show a device and method of making a multi-ply paper in which the different plies are made in separated headboxes, couched, and joined by the side having the more fines, see figures. Note that it is well known and applicants admits it in the specification, that the side of the web having the most fines is the side where there is less dewatering, i.e., the air side of Fourdrinier, etc. All of the above patents show also the use of headboxes and at least one of the being a gap former. Turner et al. teach the making of cardboard and teach the advantage of joining the plies using the surface having more fines in the surface, see column 2, lines 12-18. Also Turner et al. teach the use of a multilayer headbox along with other types of headboxes in the multi-ply board, see figure 3 and column 6, lines 39-52 and teach in the same paragraph the formation of thin layer, i.e., a paper layer, and other layer being a board, paperboard. All the

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references teach the use of a forming roll and endless belts that come in contact with the forming roll. Also the references teach the formation of at least three plies as claimed.

Conclusion


3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure in the art of "Making Multilayer, Multi-ply webs."
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to José Fortuna, whose telephone number is (703)305-7498. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stanley S. Silverman, can be reached on (703)308-3837. The fax number for this group is (703)305-7115.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703)308-0661.

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José A. Fortuna
August 13, 2001


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